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November 3, 2004

The Honorable Jerry Abramson
Louisville Metro Hall
527 West Jefferson St.
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Mayor Abramson:

The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission recommended unanimously at its October 13, 2004 public meeting at Shelby Elementary School in Louisville to support the efforts of the Louisville Metro Government to develop an air toxics regulatory program to protect public health and the environment.

Air toxics pose significant risks to public health, particularly to children. EQC cited in its recently released report on *Children's Environmental Health in Kentucky* that children 2 years old and younger are, on average, ten times more vulnerable to carcinogenic chemicals than adults, and for some cancer-causing agents are up to 65 times more vulnerable. During 2002, 245 industrial plants in Kentucky released 3 million pounds of chemicals to the air that were listed as OSHA carcinogens. Close to 1 million pounds of those chemicals were released to the air in Jefferson County that year.

We commend your efforts and those of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District to develop air toxic standards to more fully protect the health of our children so they may enjoy the highest quality of life and achieve their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindell Ormsbee".

Lindell Ormsbee, Chair
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Cc: Governor Ernie Fletcher
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